(d) to what extent the new schemes will help formulate such plans for rural development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Government is not developing any new schemes solely based on foreign aid for the betterment of living standards in rural areas. However, in respect of certain Projects under Rural Development Programmes like Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) and Rural Water Suppy and Sanitation Programmes, some assistance is available from United National Children's Fund (UNICEF) and World Health Organisation (WHO) in time to time.

UNDP Assistance .. ..

1469. SHRI V. RAJAN CHALLAPPA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the efforts to obtain the UNDP assistance have succeeded;

(b) whether emphasis on foreign travel and consultancies has been reduced; and

(c) if not, who will benefit from such UNDP schemes for rural development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Sir, This Ministry has not sought any assistance from UNDP so far.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Targets set under JRY

1470. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, State-wise, during the last three years;

(b) how far these have been achieved; and

(c) the steps taken for effective implementation of the Programme, especially in backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The Statewise employment generation targets fixed and the achievements made under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during the last three years are given in statement. (*See* below)

(c) For effective implementation of JRY in the country, including the backward areas, the quantitative and qualitative implementation is monitored regularly. At the Central level, the implementation of JRY is reviewed through monthy, quarterly and annual progress reports, received from the State Governments, Besides Officers at the Centre, ,State Headquarters and districts, sub-divisions and block levels closely monitor all aspects of the programmes through visits to worksites . State Level Co-ordination Committee (SLCC) for rural development programmes also monitors the progress of implementation of JRY alongwith other schemes.

The Government of India also periodically review the programmes with the State Government officers with a view to effecting improvement in the quality of implementation.

Recently, the Ministry has also introduced the Area Officers Scheme in which Teams have been formed of the senior officers of the Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Programme Implementation and the Planning Commission. Each Team has been allocated one or two States where they visit regularly and give feed back on implementation of rural development programmes.